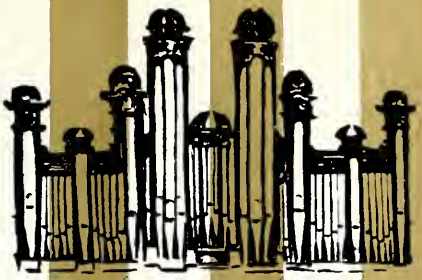

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# *The Salt Lake Mormon Tabernacle Choir Sings to Britain*

AMERICA'S famous "Mormon" Tabernacle Choir has warmed the hearts of millions for many years. The delights of this great organisation's music have been enjoyed mainly in America, though it is known also over Radio Australia and Radio South Africa.

Now Great Britain in four concerts is to share in the experience.

Latter-day Saints in Great Britain will receive the Choir with a special warmth of welcome and enthusiasm. The Choir collectively and its members as individuals are so good to know. These people, volunteers devoted to their music with the steadfastness of faithful lovers, have lavished their generous talents freely upon innumerable individuals and groups. The Choir has sung numerous benefit concerts. In general conferences of the Church for many, many years the Choir has provided musical inspiration.

In special appearances in many parts of America the Choir has brought delight to millions. Every Sabbath Day for twenty-six years of continuous broadcasting over America's nation-wide Columbia Broadcasting System the Choir has sung its favoured way into the hearts of millions of appreciative Americans.

To hear the Tabernacle Choir of Salt Lake City on the Sabbath Day is a well established inspiration for millions of American homes.

British Latter-day Saints will experience special elation from the Choir's singing. It will be singing the sacred music dear to the hearts of members of the Church. It is the Choir of the Church they love so dearly. So many members of the Choir are themselves British or have ancestral roots in this land.

Significant of the widespread appreciation of the Choir is the community co-operation which has provided the financial support to bring the Choir of 379 voices six thousand miles to sing for us in Europe. Appreciative people singly and in groups, who have been the beneficiaries of the Choir's many years of devoted community service, have rallied to find and provide the means of meeting all the items of cost. Mormons and non-Mormons, Jews, Gentiles, have united in this community project with all good will to send their greetings of friendship to their fellow men in Europe.

Consistent with the Choir's time-honoured tradition, it comes to give. It asks nothing for itself, but the privilege of singing its friendship and

good will into the hearts of all who will come to listen. The net proceeds of the concerts in Britain will be left with the British Mission for the benefit of the branches and districts of the Church in this country.

The Choir's coming is another manifestation of the world-embracing unity of the brotherhood of the Latter-day Saints.

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS . . .*

### President Clifton G. Kerr Appointed President of the British Mission

It has been announced by the First Presidency of the Church that President Clifton G. M. Kerr, President of South Bear River Stake, Tremonton, Utah, will be President of the British Mission at the release of President A. Hamer Reiser. President Kerr is making preparations to arrive in the British Mission early in December.

President Kerr was born in Plain City, Utah, October 7th, 1906, the son of William A. and Rosamond Harding Kerr. From 1928 to 1930 he served as a missionary in Great Britain labouring in the Mission Headquarters as secretary for 16 months. President Kerr has served in the Utah State Legislature since 1940 and is just completing a four year term in the senate. In 1951 President Kerr was Speaker of the House. The new President has lived in Tremonton, Utah, since he was 12 years old and is a graduate of Bear River High School and the LDS Business College. For 12 years he has managed the Andersen Lumber Company at Tremonton.

In 1931 President Kerr married Irene Pack in the Salt Lake Temple. They are the parents of four sons: Nolan, 10, John, 14, Rolfe, 20, and Duane, 22. Sister Kerr, Nolan and John will accompany the appointed president to Great Britain. Duane is serving on a mission in Canada and Rolfe plans to join his parents at the first of the year after completion of training at Utah State Agricultural College.

### Swiss Temple Dedication

The First Presidency of the Church has set September 11th, 1955, as the day missionaries and saints of Europe are to attend the dedication ceremonies of the first temple to be constructed on the eastern continent since the destruction of the temple at Jerusalem. Dedicatory services for the Berne Temple are to commence September 11th and all missions of Europe have been invited to attend ceremonies on their appointed days. The temple will be dedicated by President David O. McKay.

# TOUR OF BRITAIN

## ELDER SPENCER W. KIMBALL'S

KIMBALL is a name of great prominence in events of the British Mission. In 1837 Elder Heber C. Kimball and his associates were the first " Mormon " missionaries to preach the restored gospel on British shores and to open this, the oldest of foreign missions. Elder Spencer W. Kimball, grandson of Heber C., established another first—the first of annually scheduled visitors to Great Britain and the European missions of the members of the Council of the Twelve. Just as 1837, 1955 is a banner year—a new era with the establishment of elders quorums, a temple in Europe, and soon a temple in Newchapel with groundbreaking ceremonies planned during the Tabernacle Choir's visit. With these historic events already taking place, the saints of Great Britain were able to grasp the " vision of the future " which Elder Kimball presented in the 14 districts of the British Mission.

Elder and Sister Kimball arrived in Great Britain on June 22nd from Amsterdam, Holland, at London Airport, to begin a 23-day tour of the mission. During their 2,200 mile tour of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales they interviewed 158 missionaries and met with saints in 20 public meetings, 8 Priesthood and Relief Society meetings, and 15 officers and teachers meetings. Testimony meetings and instructional sessions were held with the missionaries in each of the districts. The tour of the British Mission was only a part of a five months' tour of all the European missions, which the visiting authority was assigned to make by the First Presidency of the Church.

For many new members it was the first time that they had had the opportunity of hearing a general authority of the Church. Some districts had not had a member of the Council of Twelve visit them for sixteen years. Hundreds of the saints met Elder and Sister Kimball, felt the warmth of their hand-

shakes, were shown the way to repentance and new activity. Doors were opened to greater achievement and those who listened wanted the vision of wards and stakes, a missionary system operated by entirely local members, and the blessings received in the House of the Lord to come to them.

Accompanying Elder Kimball on the tour were Sister Kimball, President A. Hamer Reiser, Sister Elaine Reiser, President James R. Cunningham, President Stephen R. Covey, Elder James Ottesen, and Elder G. Edwards Baddley. The group left London Thursday, June 23rd, as the City was awakening to a bustle of activity. Ipswich, headquarters of Norwich District, was the first scheduled stop on the tour. Approximately 160 attended the public meeting held in the evening at the Large Co-operative Hall and heard Elder Kimball speak on revelation and review the history of the three groups of Israel—the Jews, the Lost Ten Tribes, and Joseph's descendants on the American continent. Saints were admonished to be watchful; that they may live to see other great volumes of scripture; that the second advent of Christ " is not far away now ". Meetings with the missionaries and the officers and teachers of the district were held during the afternoon. The hotel room where Elder Kimball spent the night was only a few doors away from where Dickens wrote *Pickwick Papers*.

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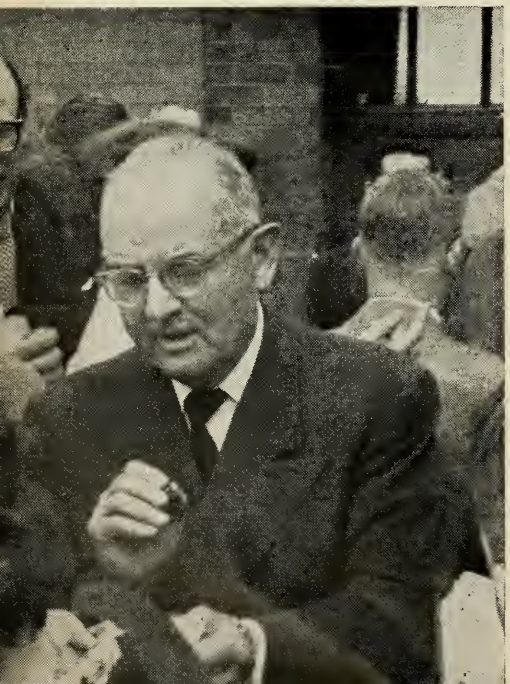


On Friday, June 24th, a few miles from Ipswich the quaint English village of Rattlesden was visited. Rattlesden is the place where Elder Spencer W. Kimball's ancestors lived before going to America in the 1600's. One could see how thrilled the leader was to see the

*ptismal Font; Visitors at the Church; The Church—historic shrines of the Kimball family*
*ildren gathered with Elder Kimball; The Missionaries; Elder and Sister Kimball, President Reiser*

area where such an important family line had settled.

Inside the old church two little ladies were busily engaged in cleaning. When asked if they knew of the Kimballs, they said they didn't know them personally but at one time they had been a prominent family in the community. The treble steeple bell was a gift of the Kimball family in America. One of the little ladies agreed to go and get her husband who had been a bell ringer at the church for fifty years.

While waiting for his arrival the headstones in the churchyard were scanned to find the names of Kimball, Whatlock, and Scott, but age had destroyed the epitaphs. Soon the kind old gentleman arrived and rang the various bells. Elder Kimball then tried his hand at the ropes. Together they climbed the winding stairs through cobwebs up the steeple to see the treble bell.

The baptismal font still stood where the Kimballs of Rattlesden were baptized. The vicars of the parish posted on the wall dated back to 1225. The Kimball genealogy has been traced back to 1595 at Rattlesden.

A short stop was made at Cambridge and the group walked over the grounds at King's College where the students dressed in fur-trimmed caps and gowns were participating in graduation ceremonies.

On the way to Nottingham, where a public meeting was arranged at 7.30 in the Odeon Ballroom, the Church building at Peterborough was visited. One hunded and eighty-three attended the meeting in Not-

tingham and many of the well-known Market Square street meeting hecklers were in attendance. Obedience to the law of tithing was stressed as one of the requirements necessary for entrance into the temple. A street meeting was held following this meeting on the public square with Elder Kimball in attendance, but it was disbanded when the elders found their gathering full of contentous drunks.

Saturday, June 25th, meetings were held with the Nottingham District missionaries in the morning and then the officers and teachers of the district assembled for instruction in the afternoon. At 8 p.m. a proselyting meeting with the Birmingham District missionaries was conducted.

President C. Richard Devey conducted the meetings held in Birmingham on Sunday, June 26th. The missionary testimony meeting commenced at 9.30 a.m. and opened a busy day of continuous sessions of the conference. An officers and teachers meeting, a Priesthood meeting, and a Relief Society meeting were held before the public session attended by 193 was begun. Forgiveness and the need for repentance was the general theme of Elder Kimball's address. After the meeting the little children gathered around him to have their photograph taken. Further instructions were given to the missionaries in a meeting which followed later in the evening.

Monday, June 27th, a public meeting was held in the Grand Hotel at Bristol with the members of the Bristol District. En route from Birmingham to Bristol the group had the opportunity of seeing the Mary Arden farm, Mary Arden being the mother of William Shakespeare, and Shakespeare's own home at Stratford-on-Avon. The memorial theatre, Anne Hathaway's cottage, the church, school, and monument to Shakespeare were seen at Stratford.

At Oxford, Lincoln College was visited where Spencer L. Kimball, son of Elder Spencer W. Kimball, attended Lincoln College. The branch buildings at Cheltenham and

Stroud were inspected.

About 100 saints gathered at the Grand Hotel to hear Elder Kimball. He recalled to their minds the importance of that day—the anniversary of the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum Smith in 1844. A Relief Society and Priesthood meeting was held before the general session.

Tuesday, June 28th, the Bristol elders met with Elder Kimball in a testimony and instruction meeting. " Praise to the Man " opened the meeting as Elder Kimball played for the group to sing. " Do not be-

Above: *Elder and Sister Kimball at Pool on Benbow Farm*

*Bristol District Missionaries Visitors at John Benbow Farm*

Below: *Elder Kimball at Mill Wheel in Building Dating Back to 1100's on Benbow Farm*

come impressed with the world " was the counsel the leader gave as he explained the simplicity that the Lord's programme demands.

Cardiff, Wales, was the next scheduled public meeting held at 57 Conway Road. Eighty-five attended the meeting and they sang for their guests " Land of Our Fathers " in their native Welsh tongue.

" Lose yourself in the Gospel of Christ " was the advice Elder Kimball gave in the missionary meeting held Wednesday morning, June 29th, with the Welsh missionaries.

The authority found that today one of the biggest faults in the Church was that members were not losing themselves in the Lord's work. A public meeting was scheduled at Kidderminster in the Birmingham District this evening so the tour continued on from Cardiff.

A stop was made at the Hill Farm, Castle Frome, Ledbury, Herefordshire — the farm once owned by John Benbow. It was here Wilford Woodruff came in March 1840 after the revelation was given to him to leave the " Potteries " and brought the restored gospel to the home of John and Jane Benbow, members of the United Brethren. Meetings were held in a licensed room on the Benbow farm and in neighbouring villages and Elder Woodruff succeeded in baptizing all but one of the 600 United Brethren among which number were 47 licensed preachers. During the seven months of labour in the area about 1,800 souls were brought to baptism including a constable who had been sent to arrest the Mormon preacher and clerks of the Church of England who were sent as " spies ".

At the pool where the baptisms were performed on the Benbow farm President Reiser was called upon to offer a prayer where such a sacred event had taken place.

Mr. Leslie Farr, present owner of Hill Farm, said the yards remain almost the same as the day when Wilford Woodruff was there. The group was taken to see one of the oldest buildings on the farm—a rock building rumoured to date back to the 1100's. It was here where the occupants of a nearby castle took refuge when the building was razed. A cider press and mill are now housed in the structure.

Of interest was an old Saxon church not far from the farm which contained a baptismal font where infants were baptized by immersion. Unusual stone carvings marked the font. The Saviour's baptism was represented in one of the scenes. Oil lamps were the only source of light in the building.

At the public meeting held at Kidderminster the way to world peace—by living the commandments of God—was explained to the assembled saints. The night was spent in the beautiful Park Attwood Hotel.

Thursday, June 30th, the group travelled to Manchester where meetings where held in the Wythenshawe Branch chapel. Two hundred saints assembled to hear the great Plan of Salvation and the necessity of obedience to God's commandments explained. Meetings were held with the missionaries and the officers and teachers of the district in the afternoon.

Irish District saints were visited on Friday, July 1st. The BEA 9.50

*Belfast Airport*

*Belfast Parade*

flight from Manchester carried the travellers to the Emerald Isle where meetings were held in Belfast. After missionary meetings, a Priesthood and Relief Society meeting, and a meeting with the officers and teachers, a public meeting was held at 8.30 p.m. in the Y.M.C.A. Hall. Over a hundred people gathered to hear Elder Kimball while outside the building thousands were watching marching bands practising in preparation for the annual Orange Parade—a Protestant celebration in honour of the liberation of Northern Island from the Catholic yoke by William III (William of Orange). The participants with their expensively trimmed banners and dressed in various costumes of their order made a colourful sight.

Saturday, July 2nd, the group returned to Manchester by air and journeyed to Liverpool where meetings were conducted with the missionaries of the Liverpool District in the afternoon and an officers and teachers meeting was held in the evening.

Two chapels of the Liverpool District were dedicated by Elder Kimball on Sunday, July 3rd. After the public meeting held at " Summerfield," 4 Mill Bank, where Elder Kimball spoke on tithing and told the young people present many of his own experiences, the group proceeded to Wigan. The dedicatory service of the Wigan Branch chapel at 278 Gidlow Lane, Wigan, was conducted by President Hugh M. Ross at 3 p.m. The history of the branch was reviewed by Brother Herbert S. Webster who explained the sacrifice and persecution the early branch members and missionaries went through and the joy it now was to have a clean and attractive house of worship. President Reiser spoke to those assembled and Elder Kimball offered the dedicatory prayer and remarks.

Dedicatory services for the Preston Branch chapel were begun at 6.30 p.m. Preston, Lancashire, is well noted in Church history. It was here where the first public sermon and baptisms took place in Great Britain. Heber C. Kimball and his associates landed in Great Britain on July 20th, 1837, at Liverpool, and from here they travelled to Preston on July 22nd where they took lodgings in Wilfred Street at the home of a widow. The first sermon was delivered at Vauxhall Chapel the following day at the request of the Rev. Mr. Fielding. An unusually large number assembled to hear the elders and after hearing their testimonies of the restoration of the gospel cried, " Glory to God ". From this beginning the work spread, other meetings which overflowed Vauxhall Chapel were held and the first baptismal service was held Sunday, July 30th, 1837. Nine—the first fruits, were baptized that morning in the River Ribble, while an estimated seven to nine thousand were present to view the scene.

It was not long before a considerable branch was raised up. On August 6th between 40 and 50 converts were confirmed at the home of Sister Ann Dawson and the first branch of the Church in Great Britain was organised. A large and central meeting place was obtained which would hold thousands known as the " Cockpit " and from the first meeting held here September 3rd, 1847, the work moved forward with great success. In October it became necessary to divide the Preston members into five branches.

Elder Kimball stated he believed

## *Preston*

- *RIVER RIBBLE*
- *PRESTON CHAPEL*
- *WILFRED STREET*
- *VAUXHALL CHAPEL*

this was the oldest existing branch of the Church in the world, being established in 1837 and closed for only a short period during the First World War. He felt honoured in dedicating the chapel in the area where his grandfather opened proselyting on the eastern continent and laboured so diligently. A quick tour of Preston was made and the places which played such an important part in the establishment of the mission were visited—the River Ribble, the spot where the "Cockpit" once stood, the market square, Vauxhall Chapel, and Wilfred Street.

One hundred and seventeen were present at the dedication of the brick chapel. President of the Preston Branch, Ronald Hughes, conducted the service; the invocation was offered by President Samuel E. Sessions of the Liverpool District. A children's chorus sang "The Light Divine" and Sister Gertrude Corless told the history of the branch. President Reiser and Elder Kimball addressed the Preston members, and Elder Kimball offered the dedicatory prayer.

At Lake Windermere the night was spent in a hotel where the visitors enjoyed the beauty of the lake and pine-covered hills.

Monday, July 4th, the tour continued from northern England into the more rugged and rocky country of Scotland. Crystal streams fell from the hills where sheep grazed. At Kirkpatrick-Fleming the ancient cave of Robert Bruce was explored. Glasgow was reached in the after-

noon and meetings with the Scottish saints—a Relief Society and Priesthood meeting, an officers meeting, and a public meeting, were held in the evening at the Church headquarters, 7 Claremont Terrace. Chastity in the Church and the obligation husbands and wives owe to each other was the theme expressed at the public session.

Missionaries of the Scottish District met at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning, July 5th, for a missionary meeting. After the conclusion of this meeting the journey from Glasgow to Dundee was begun. One of the most picturesque rides of the British tour was had on the way to Dundee through the Trossachs Mountains immortalised in Sir Walter Scott's " Lady of the Lake ". The beautiful lakes—Loch Lomond, Loch Katrine, Loch Achray, Loch Vennechar, Loch Drunkie, Loch Lubnaig, and Loch Earn were seen.

Dundee saints assembled for instructions at an officers and teachers meeting and a general meeting held that evening. Members of the branch sang several songs for the visitors and special gifts were presented to Elder and Sister Kimball. One of the young " lassies " danced the highland fling.

Wednesday, July 6th, the party travelled from Dundee to Edinburgh where the large three-storey branch building was inspected. Newcastle was reached by way of the scenic coastal route where meetings were held in the evening. One hundred saints first gathered at 20 Archbold Terrace, Jesmond, for an officers meeting. The public meeting attended by 155 was held in the Durant Hall.

After meetings held with the Newcastle District, missionaries meetings were held at Sunderland about 15 miles away on Thursday, July 7th. The officers meeting was held in the Sunderland Branch chapel and the public meeting was conducted at the Park Street school where 125 attended.

Bradford in the Leeds District was the next stop on the tour. The group travelled to Bradford from Sunderland by way of York, and Elder and Sister Kimball were impressed with the massiveness of York Minster which they visited. The new branch building at York was also inspected. The public meeting at Bradford was held at 7.30 p.m., Friday, July 8th. Approximately 185 assembled for this meeting. It was at Bradford that a telephone call was received from President David O. McKay in Salt Lake City to reinsure plans for the coming visit of the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir in August.

Saturday morning, July 9th, the missionaries of the Leeds District met in meetings with Elder Kimball and at 12.30 an officers meeting was held at the Bradford chapel with 88 in attendance. From this meeting it was necessary to travel immediately to Hull where a meeting with the officers of that district had been arranged for 7.30 p.m. The missionaries of the Hull District then met in an instruction meeting lasting until 11 p.m.

9 a.m. Sunday, July 10th, the Priesthood and Relief Society meeting was conducted for the Hull District and at 10 a.m. the general session of the conference commenced. One hundred and sixty-five were present at this meeting. From Hull a ferry was taken to Grimsby where Elder Kimball dedicated the Grimsby Branch chapel. The service conducted by President W. Pitcher commenced at 3.30 p.m.

*Brother and Sister Herbert F. Hall, Grimsby Branch*

Elder Harry Bost who played such an important part in the renovation of the building, and President Reiser spoke to those assembled. Dedicatory remarks and prayer were offered by Elder Kimball.

Present at the dedication was Brother Hebert F. Hall, 78, oldest member of the Grimsby Branch. Brother Hall and his wife will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary in September. He remembered the days when the branch met in a family's home in Cobden Street and when the missionaries were mobbed by about 200 people one time before some lady made an avenue of escape by wielding a broom stick. He recalled the events of the branch when it met for 40-50 years at Thrift Hall on Pasture Street.

A testimony meeting was then held with the missionaries of the Hull District at the Grimsby building before continuing on to Doncaster where the night was spent.

Monday, July 11th, saints of the Sheffield District were met at the branch building in Sheffield. Missionary meetings were conducted during the morning and part of the afternoon. A Priesthood and Relief Society meeting was then held followed by an officers meeting. One hundred and ninety-two attended the public meeting held in the evening. The speakers at this session ran competition with the constant ringing of the nearby church bells. The journey back to London was made following this meeting.

Elder and Sister Kimball met Elder Henry D. Moyle of the Council of Twelve and Sister Moyle on Tuesday, July 5th, in London. Elder and Sister Moyle, their daughter Marie Wangeman from New York City, and son Richard arrived in Great Britain on July 4th on board the s.s. *Queen Elizabeth* for a month's vacation in Britain during which time Elder Moyle is doing genealogical research work. Some of the scenic spots of London were visited together. That evening they attended a street meeting held at Speakers' Corner, Marble Arch. Nine new British missionaries were present to bear their testimonies for the first time in such a gathering. "If you have apostles, why aren't they here now?" the hecklers would shout, little aware that standing by them were two members of the Council of Twelve.

An impressive climax to the apostolic tour was reached on Wednesday, July 13th, in the concluding meetings of the tour. At 8 a.m. Elder and Sister Kimball, Elder and Sister Moyle and family, President Reiser and officials of the British Mission met at Ravenslea with the missionaries of London District in a testimony meeting that lasted for six

hours. A proselyting meeting was then held with the missionaries. At 7 p.m. an officers meeting for the London District was held at Battersea Town Hall and at 8 p.m. 225 assembled at the last general meeting of the tour.

Elder and Sister Kimball were taken to London Airport where they flew at 12.30 p.m. to Amsterdam to continue the tour of the missions of Europe on Thursday, July 14th. Not far from the airport they were taken to see Windsor Castle, principal seat of British Royalty for many centuries, and Stoke Poges where Thomas Gray composed his famous " Elegy Written in a Country Church-Yard ".

Saints, friends and missionaries

# A Prophetic Vision of the Future

ELDER Spencer W. Kimball in his recent tour could visualise rapid growth of the Church in Great Britain. The fan-shaped growth would result from the division of branches into stakes and wards of Zion. This growth would be brought about by:

- Total activity and full-hearted devotion on the part of every Latter-day Saint
  - Every member having a responsibility
  - A programme to bring in non-active members
- A Three-fold missionary system
  1. Full-time British missionaries supplying all missionaries for Great Britain and a part of the number for missions in Europe
  2. Great numbers of local part-time missionaries
  3. Every member a missionary
- Priesthood quorum activity
- An activated Adult Aaronic Priesthood programme
- Members of the Church staying in Great Britain where all temple and priesthood blessings can be realised
- Great auxiliary organisation activity
- Latter-day Saints becoming prominent in the business and civic world
- Proper preparation by officers and teachers
- Children being taught to be baptized at 8 years of age, to receive the priesthood at 12, and to prepare for a mission, and to be married in the temple
- Obedience to the law of tithing and all commandments of God
- Members of the Church having large families

—all who met Elder Kimball on his visit to the Isles of Britain love him and treasure the highly-polished gems of counsel and advice he locked in their chest of most precious possessions. Kind, noble, meek, one who speaks with overpowering authority—yes, this is Elder Spencer W. Kimball. Every minute was preciously used on the tour with all the vigour and vitality of a man who is among the highest of spiritual giants. Only by the Lord's help could he accomplish what seemed to be an almost impossible itinerary and by his side to continually comfort and aid was his dear wife, Sister Kimball.

And what about those who Elder Kimball left behind in the British Mission? Each has the determination to make Elder Kimball's "Vision of the future" a reality.

*by* G. EDWARDS BADDLEY

# M.I.A. Theme for the Year 1955/56

***I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST: FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION TO EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH.*** *Romans 1:16*

* The above words, chosen by the General Boards of the M.I.A. to be an inspiration to the youth of the Church during the coming year, bring to our minds ways in which we can, perhaps without realising it, appear to be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ.

For instance, we hope that you teachers in the M.I.A. will make scholarly presentations of your lessons, but how long is it since you have borne your testimonies to the young people whose steps you are trying to guide?

You dance, drama, music and speech directors, do your young people know that you *know* this is the work of the Lord?

Are you a little embarrassed to call a Church friend "brother" or "sister", so you resort to "Mr." or "Mrs." even in meetings? In your prayers do you address our Father in Heaven as "You" or "Your" instead of "Thou", "Thee", "Thy"? Are your meetings, practices, rehearsals opened and closed with prayer?

We are peculiar people—not funny peculiar, but different peculiar! We must help our young people understand that peculiarity, so that, wherever they are, they may also live the gospel—may be in the world, yet not of the world.

Let all our dealings with our young people have a Latter-day Saint flavour. Let us lead them in the right direction, so that their actions, and ours, will proclaim, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

All good wishes from your brethren and sisters of the

BRITISH MISSION M.I.A. BOARDS.

# Tabernacle Choir's Tour of Europe

The 379-voice Mormon Tabernacle Choir sails from Montreal on August 13th for a six-week visit to Europe. Main object of the trip is to take part in the dedication of the Temple in Berne, Switzerland, on September 11th. This is the first Temple to be built in Europe and the ninth of all Latter-day Saint Temples.

As well as this important purpose, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir is making a six-week concert tour of Europe, starting in Great Britain. The choir, accompanied by relatives and friends, are sailing in the Cunard Liner *Saxonia*.

After landing at Greenock, on August 19th, the choir gives its first concert in Glasgow. Three other concerts will be given in Manchester, Cardiff and, lastly, in London, at the Albert Hall. In London the choir members and friends will have some opportunity for sightseeing and meeting brother and sister members over here.

Readers are strongly advised to book tickets for these concerts as soon as possible, to be sure of getting seats. A complete list of dates, times, prices and other details are given at the end of this article, on page 256.

*This photo of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir was taken in the Tabernacle*
*teers . . . the magnificent five manual organ dates back to* 1867, *when the T*
250 *feet long,* 150 *feet wide and* 80 *feet high. Yet the acoustics are so good th*

*lt Lake City. There are 379 choir-members, all of whom are unpaid volun-*
*nacle was completed. This unique building, the dome-shaped Tabernacle, is*
*pin dropped at one end of the hall can be heard distinctly at the opposite end.*

# *One of the finest choirs in the world*

DESPITE the fact that the Tabernacle Choir is composed entirely of non-professional singers, it is rated as one of the finest in the world.

For nearly 26 years, the choir, with Elder Richard L. Evans of the Council of Twelve giving a short sermon, has broadcast every Sunday morning on the Columbia Broadcasting System's national programme.

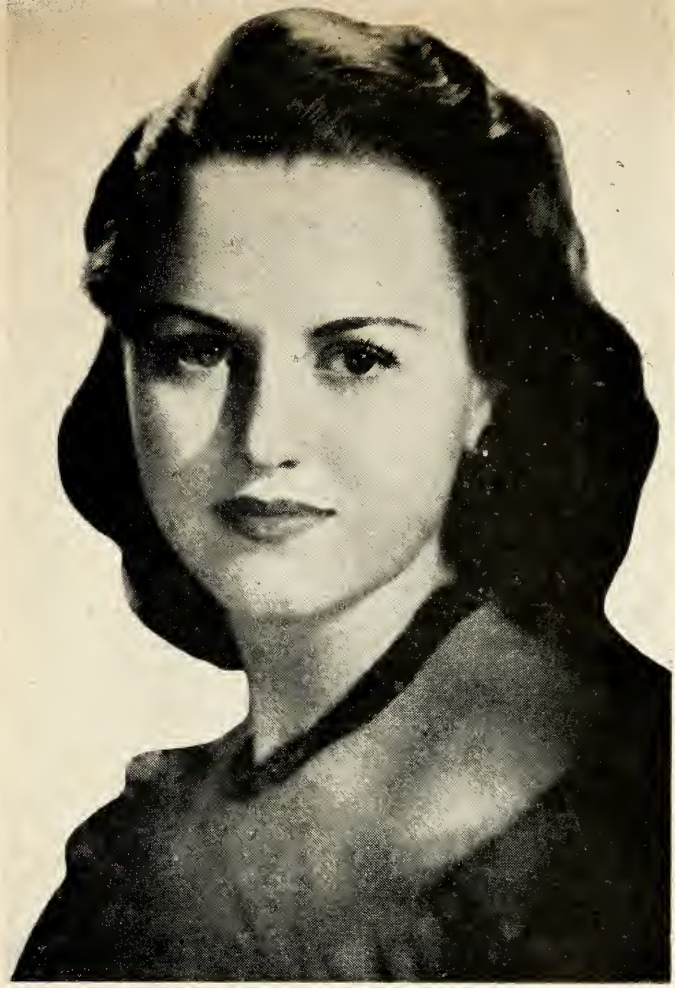
Through these broadcasts and through its numerous recordings, concert tours, and its performance in Cinerama (now showing at the London Casino), the choir has become world-famous. Today its influence goes far beyond Salt Lake City, reaching an audience of millions. Founded in 1847, soon after the Mormon pioneers halted their migration at the shores of the Great Salt Lake, the choir is now 102 years old.

Its members range in age from 18 to nearly 80 and come from all walks of life, representing 195 vocations and professions. They came originally from many countries, especially Great Britain, and those European countries where the Church has engaged in missionary work since soon after its organisation in 1830.

The Tabernacle Choir is directed by Brother J. Spencer Cornwall, who has been its conductor for twenty years. Two organists are accompanying the choir, Brother Alexander Schreiner and Brother Frank Asper. They are both known internationally, for they have given concerts throughout the United States and abroad.

Music has always played a most important part in the social and religious life of the Church. Soon after the first pioneers settled at Salt Lake and while they were still living in primitive log cabins and fending off hostile Indians, the settlers erected fine auditoriums equipped with organs.

The Church's passion for music remains undiminished. Today,



***SISTER* EWAN HARBRECHT**

**the choir's soprano soloist**

each ward has its own choir. And the best singers from the regional choirs are recruited for the Tabernacle Choir.

According to custom, each choir-member is a volunteer. Withdrawals are few. Fourteen of the choir's present members were present at the choir's first network broadcast 20 years ago, while some of the oldest members have served for as long as 40 years. The group's superb musical integration and tonal balance is largely the result of this close, constant working together.

# *Details of the Choir's Tour of Gt. Britain*

**August 19th.** Land at Greenock.

**August 20th.** Concert in Glasgow, Kelvin Hall, 8 p.m.

**August 22nd.** Concert in Manchester, Free Trade Hall, 8 p.m.

**August 24th.** Concert in Cardiff, Sophia Gardens Pavilion, 8 p.m.

**August 28th.** Concert in London, Royal Albert Hall, 8 p.m.

**August 29th.** Leave for Belgium.

*Tickets*

GLASGOW: 7s. 6d., 6s. 6d., 5s., 4s., 3s., 2s., 1s. from Kelvin Hall Box Office or

MANCHESTER: 7s. 6d., 6s., 5s., 4s., 3s. 6d., 2s. 6d., from Free Trade Hall Box Office or

CARDIFF: 7s. 6d., 5s., 4s., 3s., 2s., from Sophia Gardens Pavilion Box Office or

LONDON: 10s. 6d., 7s. 6d., 5s., 3s. 6d., standing at 2s. 6d., from Albert Hall Box Office or from usual ticket agents. (As the concert at the Albert Hall is on the Sabbath, no tickets can be sold on the day of performance.)

# THE AARONIC PRIESTHOOD

*The Two Divisions of Priesthood.* There is and has ever been but one Priesthood, the Holy Priesthood, in the Church of Jesus Christ. "Which priesthood continueth in the church of God in all generations, and is without beginning of days or end of years." (Doctrine and Covenants, 84:17.) By its authority, alone, may men speak and act in the name of the Lord for the salvation of humanity. This authoritative Priesthood is designed to assist men in all of life's endeavours, both temporal and spiritual. Consequently, there are divisions or offices of the Priesthood, each charged with a definite duty.

The two main divisions of the Priesthood are known as the Melchizedek and the Aaronic Priesthoods. They are not distinct Priesthoods, for the Aaronic or Lesser is a part or an appendage of the Melchizedek or Higher Priesthood. This has been set forth in modern revelation:

> There are, in the church, two priesthoods, namely the Melchizedek and Aaronic, including the Levitical Priesthood... The second Priesthood is called the Priesthood of Aaron, because it was conferred upon Aaron and his seed, throughout all their generations. Why it is called the lesser priesthood is because it is an appendage to the greater, or the Melchizedek Priesthood. (Doctrine and Covenants, 107:1, 13, 14.)

*The Lesser Priesthood.* The temporal needs of the Church are among the chief concerns of the Aaronic Priesthood. It should look after the poor and administer to their relief. But, in addition, it is, as it were, preparatory to the Higher Priesthood, and therefore has spiritual obligations. It is to preach repentance and baptism, and has authority to baptize and to administer the Sacrament and may enjoy the ministering of angels. That is, it has power in administering outward ordinances. In the words of modern revelation:

> The lesser priesthood... holdeth the key of the ministering of angels and the preparatory gospel; which gospel is the gospel of repentance and of baptism, and the remission of sins, and the law of carnal commandments. (Doctrine and Covenants, 84:26, 27.)

*Offices.* There are several offices in the Aaronic Priesthood. The office of Deacon is the first or lowest. The Deacon is to assist those in the higher offices as occasion requires.

The office of Teacher follows. This is one of the most important offices in the Priesthood, for Teachers are the immediate watchmen of the Church. To them it is given to banish the iniquity and evil that may have entered the fold, and to maintain the Church in a condition of obedience to the commandments of God. In practice, Teachers visit the homes of the members of the Church once a month, to inquire into the conditions and needs of the people and to teach them the will of God. To quote again from modern revelation:

> The teacher's duty is to watch over the church always, and be with and strengthen them; and see that there is no iniquity in the church, neither hard-

ness with each other, neither lying, backbiting, nor evil speaking; and see that the church meet together often, and also see that all the members do their duty. And he is to take the lead of meetings in the absence of the elder or priest. (Doctrine and Covenants, 20:53-56.)

The office of Priest is the highest in the Aaronic Priesthood. It differs particularly from the offices of Teacher and Deacon in that it possesses authority to baptize, and to administer the Sacrament, and also to ordain other Priests, Teachers and Deacons. The duties of the Priest are enumerated, concisely, in the revelations of Joseph Smith:

The priest's duty is to preach, teach, expound, exhort, and baptize, and administer the sacrament; and visit the house of each member, and exhort them to pray vocally and in secret and attend to all family duties. (Doctrines and Covenants, 20:46, 47.)

*Quorums.* In the wards and stakes of the Church, where the population is sufficient, the Priesthood is organised into quorums. A Deacons' quorum consists of twelve Deacons presided over by a president and two counsellors; a Teachers' quorum consists of twenty-four Teachers presided over by a president and two counsellors; and a Priests' quorum consists of forty-eight Priests, presided over by a Bishop.

The quorums should meet together regularly as separate quorums to discuss their problems. Even in the mission field where there are not enough men holding an office in the Priesthood to form a quorum, it would be well to have Deacons, Teachers, etc., meet separately to discuss their special duties.

*The Bishop.* The Bishop is the presiding officer of the Aaronic Priesthood. Unless he is a literal descendant of Aaron, he must be a High Priest of the Melchizedek Priesthood, ordained to the bishopric. A Bishop, with two counsellors, is appointed to preside over each ward of the Church; Bishops may be appointed over larger districts, and a Presiding Bishop, with two counsellors ordained to be Bishops, is appointed to preside over the Aaronic Priesthood of the Church, and to administer the temporal affairs of the Church, under the direction of the First Presidency. The office of Bishop is very important in the Church of Jesus Christ, since it deals with the daily temporal necessities of humanity, and also because the Bishop is appointed a common judge in Israel to hear difficulties that may arise among members, and to preserve peace in the Church. (Doctrine and Covenants, 107:72-75.)

*Progression in the Priesthood.* In the general practice of the Church, the office of Deacon is first conferred upon a man when he has learned the duties of that office, and has proved himself faithful; he is later ordained a Teacher, and then a Priest. Thus, the order of the Church provides progressive experience and advancement for those holding the Priesthood. Moreover, since all males who are worthy may hold the Priesthood, the benefits of the system are available to all, and the responsibility for the welfare of the Church becomes a common concern.

*Why Called Aaronic?* The Lesser Priesthood is always a part of the Higher Priesthood, but is usually called the Aaronic Priesthood, because of happenings among the people of Israel while they wandered in the wilderness. When Israel came out of Egypt, under the leadership

of Moses, the Lord proposed that they make a covenant with Him, and promised that if they would keep the covenant, they would become "a peculiar treasure" to the Lord. This covenant Israel solemnly made, but dismally failed to keep. The Lord, therefore, finding them unable or unwilling to live the higher law, the greater Priesthood was withdrawn from them, and only the Lesser Priesthood remained. Even this part of the Holy Priesthood was not left with all the people, but confined to the tribe of Levi. And, within that tribe, only Aaron and his descendants were ordained Priests.

This order continued unbroken until the coming of Christ. These events are briefly recorded in modern revelation:

Now this Moses plainly taught to the children of Israel in the wilderness, and sought diligently to sanctify his people that they might behold the face of God: but they hardened their hearts and could not endure His presence: ... Therefore, he took Moses out of their midst, and the Holy Priesthood also; and the lesser priesthood continued. (Doctrine and Covenants, 84: 23-26.)

Aaron held the Melchizedek Priesthood, and presided over the Lesser Priesthood in his day as the Presiding Bishop—a High Priest after the order of Melchizedek—presides over the Lesser Priesthood in our day. His sons were the Priests of ancient Israel. It seems very likely that the tribe of Levi was fully organised according to the order of the Lesser Priesthood, for, both names and functions, recorded in the Pentateuch, pertaining to the Levites, suggest such complete organisation.

*The Mission of John the Baptist.* From generation to generation the tribe of Levi performed the priestly labours of Israel, up to the time of John, known as the Baptist, the forerunner of the Christ. The coming of Christ ended the Mosaic law. The Gospel in its fullness was again established. The Holy Priesthood, which includes the lesser, was conferred. John was commissioned to close the Mosaic dispensation in preparation for the mission of the Saviour. He did so, and became the last man who held the keys of the Aaronic Priesthood. This also was revealed to the latter-day Prophet:

John, whom God raised up, being filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb. For he was baptized while he was yet in his childhood, and was ordained by the angel of God at the time he was eight days old unto this power, to overthrow the kingdom of the Jews, and to make straight the ways of the Lord before the face of this people, to prepare them for the coming of the Lord, in whose hand is given all power. (Doctrine and Covenants, 84:27, 28.)

*Restoration.* When, after centuries of apostacy the dispensation of the fullness of times opened, the Gospel, with the Priesthood, was restored. The first act in the restoration of the Priesthood was the recommitting of the Lesser Priesthood to mortal men. On May 15th, 1829, the Priesthood of Aaron was conferred upon Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery under the hands of John the Baptist, in the following words:

Upon you my fellow servants, in the name of Messiah I confer the Priesthood of Aaron, which holds the keys of the ministering of angels, and of the gospel of repentance, and of baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; and this shall never be taken again from the earth, until the sons of Levi do offer again an offering unto the Lord in righteousness. (Doctrine and Covenants, Section 13.)

This Priesthood has been conferred upon others, until tens of thousands hold the Aaronic Priesthood in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. (John A. Widtsoe.)

# AFTER BAPTISM . . . *What?*

**Living the Gospel in the Home**

THE home is a fundamental unit of the Church. To all intents and purposes, it is a part of the Church, for within it many of the principle objectives of the Church are to be worked out.

*Temple Marriage.* The home is based upon marriage. The Lord's mode of marriage is the temple ceremony which is for time and eternity. Every couple newly joining the Church should look forward to the time when they can go to the temple for this ordinance. They should plan also to have their children sealed to them for eternity. It is a basic tenet of the Church that families should be bound together in this manner by the power of the priesthood.

*Family Prayer.* One of the important elements in Latter-day Saint family life is family prayer, night and morning, every day. Kneeling together in this way teaches faith and prayer to children, brings families close together, and invites into the home the Spirit of the Lord, which is so necessary to harmony and love in the family circle.

*Teaching the Children.* The Lord has revealed that it is the duty of all Latter-day Saint parents to teach their children the gospel in the home, adding that if they fail to do so, " the sin be upon the heads of the parents ".[1]

It is the intent of the Lord that children be taught in this manner to prepare them for baptism if they are not yet baptized. The age for the baptism of children is eight years, for that is when children become accountable for their acts in the eyes of God. Children need to be taught and converted, so that they will obey the gospel.

*Word of Wisdom.* It should be habitual in the Latter-day Saint home for all to live the Word of Wisdom. As parents set the example, children will likely follow.

*Tithing in the Home.* All members of the family should pay tithing if they have any income at all. Even children should be encouraged to pay a full and honest tithing upon any income they may have, either from doing tasks about the home, or from part-time or other employment away from home. Parents should teach this law to their children, both by precept and by example.

*Speech in the Home.* Parents should understand that children absorb habits and ideals from their parents, either for good or for evil. There should be no profanity in the home, no evil speaking of any kind, no lying, backbiting or criticism.

[1] Doctrine and Covenants 68:25-28.

This holds true with respect to all, including neighbours and authorities of the Church. There is no quicker way to teaching children to lose respect for Church officers than for their parents to speak disparagingly of them.

*Respect for Each Other.* One of the Ten Commandments urges respect as between parents and children. To win the respect of their children, parents must themselves be respectable. But parents must also respect their children, and be fair and just to them. Children are to honour father and mother, be obedient to them, and co-operate with them in developing a Christ-like atmosphere in the home.

*Blessing the Sick.* " Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up."[2]

*Patriarchal Blessings.* Patriarchs in the Church give blessings to worthy members. These blessings reveal to the individuals receiving them, what their possibilities are if they are obedient to the truth. Both parents and children may receive these blessings. But parents should prepare their children carefully for this rich experience. Patriarchs officiate only within the stakes of Zion. However, persons living in missions, if worthy, may receive from branch and mission presidents, recommends permitting them to obtain blessings when and if they visit a patriarch within an established stake of the Church.

*The Family Hour.* One of the lovely customs in the Church is referred to as the Family Hour. Parents are urged to hold a " family evening " once a week, with all members of the family taking part. Parents and children present various numbers on the family programme. These numbers may be humorous, serious, musical, or may even include stunts. The point is that each member of the family should be permitted to participate in a wholesome activity before the other members of the family. Refreshments might well be served. All such evenings should include some direct gospel teaching from the parents, and should open and close with prayer.

*Doing Things Together.* It is vital to the success of any family that the members learn to do things together in a spirit of love and co-operation. Families which work and play and worship together make the greatest success in life.

[2] James 5:14-15.

**Third in a series of five articles by Elder MARK E. PETERSEN of the Council of Twelve Apostles.**

The Editors of the *Millennial Star* wish to acknowledge their appreciation to Elder Robert W. Grover who served on the *Millennial Star* as staff photographer for over a year. Elder Grover was stationed in Great Britain with the United States Air Force and returned to Salt Lake City, Utah, in June.

# *Branch and District Activities*

**Irish**

Irish District saints enjoyed a trip to Copeland Islands during the past month. The islands are a bird sanctuary and provide an excellent opportunity to view the birds in their nesting sites. The trip was organised by Brother John Harper, the saints travelling by bike and bus to Donaghadee Lough and thence by small boat over to the islands.

On June 25th, under the able direction of Brother Smylie, *Belfast Branch* talent provided a fine, entertaining evening with a variety of items. The programme comprised plays and musical numbers, vocal and instrumental, all performers giving of their best to an appreciative audience.

A farewell social was given in honour of Sister *Catherine Lynn*, who is to be married in the Mesa Temple this September.

**Leeds**

On June 18th, *Leeds Branch* Relief Society held their annual outing. A cosmopolitan party enjoyed a fine day and French, Italian, Swiss, Americans and folk from the Broad Acres mingled in L.D.S. friendship.

The Sunday School outing of the Leeds Branch was held on July 2nd. Brother and Sister Tassell opened their home and garden for the day. The Priesthood organised games and races for the children while the sisters prepared a good meal. Prizes were given to the winners and all received sweets.

After district union meetings of the Leeds District game nights are held on alternate months, every branch competing. Points are awarded and the winning branch will be recognised at the end of the year.

**Newcastle**

More than 100 guests attended a delightful party held in the *West Hartlepool* Branch to bid farewell to the Webster family. In gaily-decorated surroundings everyone enjoyed a supper of assorted delicacies and soft drinks. Entertainment was provided by the West Hartlepool and Sunderland Branches. Gifts of remembrance were presented to the family—a silverware set from West Hartlepool and a lovely tablecloth from Sunderland, as tokens of appreciation for 22 years' supporting service in the branch. Sister Doris Nolan is also emigrating and all are wished success in their new home in Salt Lake City.

*Sunderland Branch* took advantage of the fine weather and held their June budget event in Backhouse Park, members, both young and old participating in energetic games. Refreshments were served back at the chapel.

*Newcastle Sunday School* enjoyed a trip to the Roman Wall, remains of which still exist in the vicinity of the town. It proved most instructive and interesting.

*South Shields* is most fortunate in having their chapel situated about two minutes walk from the sea. Much of their M.I.A. summer programme, therefore, takes place on the beach.

**Hull**

On June 7th, *Hull Branch* embarked on a " mystery trip " by coach. Despite pelting rain they report that it was a success, although, apparently they never solved the mystery of their destination, for they do not tell us where they went !

On June 24th *Hull Branch Cubs* did themselves much credit in a local sports competition. Points were won by John Westerman and Peter Everitt. Sisters Pat and Gladys Coulman won a prize in the mothers' and aunties' race.

The Relief Society of the branch provided very good entertainment in staging a " Gypsy Fantasy " on June 25th. The costumes were beautifully done, Sister Stone making a regal gypsy queen. Hats off to Sister Barratt, who put so much into the preparation and presentation.

A most interesting evening was spent with the M.I.A. visiting the G.P.O. in Hull. Letter sorting, telephone and telegraph departments were visited and all were instructed and entertained.

*York Branch* have held two socials during the past month with the object of raising funds for the Building and Relief Society funds. Ten pounds was raised at a recent bazaar and the furnishing of the new branch building proceeds apace. The members are busy recovering 76 tip-up seats newly acquired and the workers have been likened to the familiar " busy bees."

*Scarborough Branch* held its first service in the new chapel on July 5th. The building is situated at 5 Prospect Road.

**Manchester**

*Brother Albert Woodruff,* of the Ashton-Hyde Branch, has been able to arrange for Elder Sumner, district president, and Elder Wadell to speak on the principles of the Gospel at the P.S.A. Hall, Ashton. The group addressed consists of members of various religious bodies who meet each Sunday afternoon.

*HULL BRANCH*
*RELIEF SOCIETY*
*" Gypsy Fantasy "*
*JUNE 25th*

**Bristol**

On June 6th Brother A. Jones was released from the office of president of the *Weston-super-Mare Branch* and Elder V. L. Baldwin was sustained in his place. Elder Max Starley was sustained as Sunday School Superintendent.

A grand social was held on July 2nd in aid of the Building Fund. There were many original party games, and refreshments were served by the Relief Society.

*Bristol Branch* members held their annual Sunday School outing to Weston on June 18th. A perfect day of sunshine made the day of bathing, sports on the sands, sandcastle contest and a pier trip most enjoyable. Sunburn is the only harm which came to anyone who attended.

**London**

*Romford Branch* members and friends met in the Elm Park Assembly Hall annexe on June 4th to bid farewell to Sister Ivy Needham and family who sailed for Canada on June 9th. They have been active among the group for the past twelve months. President Sidney J. Atkin made a presentation of a tablecloth and napkins tc Sister Needham as a token of regard from members of the branch. Refreshments were provided by the sisters. Twenty-four people were out to wish the family " bon voyage ".

**Scottish**

*Airdrie* Sunday School held their summer outing to Helensburgh on May 28th. A sunshiny day contributed much to the general enjoyment of all who attended.

The branch M.I.A. held a social on May 20th to raise funds for their annual trip later. Several members contributed to the entertainment, particularly Brother Parks with a rich store of jokes, songs and recitations. Good food—for which Airdrie is famous it is said—completed a satisfying evening for all.

*Glasgow* Relief Society and M.I.A. held a conjoint night on which they took a " mystery trip " and landed up in Lanark. It is reported that it was very cold—we surmise that the trip was taken before the summer commenced.

The Relief Society also ran a salad supper and social to raise funds for the branch outing later. The destination on that occasion is stated to be Alva Glen and it seems that all efforts at the moment in Glasgow are cocked at the reaching of that spot some time this summer.

M.I.A. summer programme started with a ramble to Campsie Glen, but this is only the beginning of an ambitious programme which includes swimming and boating and instructional visits. The Relief Society are no less ambitious and commenced with a social to which they invited Airdrie and Paisley Branches. They too have interesting weeks ahead promising much food for thought and including a talk on diet.

**Personals**

**Births and Blessings**

*Wallace.* A daughter was born to President and Sister Wallace of the Plymouth Branch on June 1st.

*Bowers.* A daughter was born to Sister and Brother Harry Bowers on May 9th, at Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport. Sister Bowers was formerly Joan Whittaker of the Stockport Branch.

*Nuttall.* A son was born to Sister Mary Nuttall of the Accrington Branch on June 4th.

*Kitsell.* The infant son of Brother and Sister Kitsell, of the Birmingham Branch, was given a blessing by his father on June 5th and received the names of Evan Jonathan.

*Birrell.* A son was born to Sister and Brother Birrell, of Glasgow, on March 18th. He was blessed on May 7th by President Richardson and given the names of David Cuthbertson.

*Wilson.* The infant daughter of Sister and Brother Kenneth Herbert Wilson, born January 24th, 1955, was blessed by her father on May 8th and given the name of Mary. After the blessing, Sister Wilson was presented with a pink baby basket by the sisters of the Relief Society.

*Rowlands.* The infant son of Sister and Mr. Harold D. Rowlands born April 28th was blessed on May 29th and given the names of Peter David.

*Sullivan.* A son was born to Sister Kathleen and President Leslie J. Sullivan of the Leicester Branch on April 4th. He was blessed by his father and given the name of Mark.

*Latham.* A son was born to the Latham family of Derby, April 4th. He has been given the names of Douglas Owen.

*Elger.* A daughter was born to Sister and President A. John Elger, of Rugby, on April 21st.

**Engagements**

*Gosling – Makin.* Sister Ann Gosling of the Weston-super-Mare Branch has become engaged to Brother Barrie Makin. They plan to be married on August 20th.

*Mitchell – Austin.* Sister Anita Mitchell leaves for the U.S.A. to marry Michael Austin, a former missionary in Wales, from Wyoming. He is at present serving in the U.S. Forces but on discharge next month the couple plan to be married in the Salt Lake Temple and live in Provo, Utah.

*Nicholson – Martin.* Sister Mary Nicholson of the Sheffield branch has become engaged to Robert Martin, stationed with the U.S.A.F. at Sturgate A.F.B. They plan to marry in October.

**Marriages**

*Jones – Megeney.* Sister Winifred Jones and Brother Leslie Megeney of the Birmingham Branch were married by Branch President Frank E. Bailey on July 2nd. The bride wore a white dress and carried a bouquet of yellow rosebuds. Her bridesmaids wore lavender dresses and carried carnations. Brother and Sister Megeney spent their honeymoon in Weymouth.

*Dodgson – Jackson.* Sister Marlene Smith Dodgson was married to Brother Ronald Francis Jackson, June 18th. The ceremony was performed by District President Samuel E. Sessions. Both are members of the Accrington Branch.

**Deaths**

*Gear.* Sister Esther Gear, of the Gravesend Branch, passed away on the morning of May 5th, 1955, aged 78. She had been active in the Church for a number of years having served as president of the Relief Society at one time. Her husband, who had served in the branch presidency in the past, died thirteen years ago. Four sons and six daughters survive, two sons and four daughters being members of the Church. The funeral took place on May 11th after a service in the

home conducted by Branch President W. Finnis while the burial service was conducted by District President M. Benson who also dedicated the grave.

*Nathan.* Elder Nathan, of the Welsh District, died at the age of 94 years on April 12th, 1955, at Bridgend, Glamorgan. He died in full fellowship in the Church.

*McCormick.* Funeral services were held on May 26th for Michael John McCormick at the Cheltenham Crematorium under the direction of President C. Richard Devey of the Birmingham District. Michael was killed in a motorbicycle accident on May 19th. He is the son of Brother and Sister William McCormick who now reside in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Brother and Sister McCormick and family were active members of the London and Bristol Districts before emigrating to Canada a few years ago and are well known in various parts of the British Mission. Our sympathy goes out to them in their loss and we pray for the Lord's consoling peace to be upon them.

**Ordinations and Advancements in the Priesthood**

William Connell, of Paisley, to be a Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood.

Gerald Schell, of Glasgow, to be a Priest in the Aaronic Priesthood.

David Arthur Jenner, of Grimsby, ordained to the office of a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood.

Wilfred Eley, of Grimsby, to be a Priest in the Aaronic Priesthood.

Adam Didra, of U.S.A.F., ordained a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood.

Ramon Betteridge, of Cheltenham, to be a Priest in the Aaronic Priesthood.

Alec Hartley Iles, of Cheltenham, to be a Priest in the Aaronic Priesthood.

Harry Austin-Crowe, of Plymouth, to be a Priest in the Aaronic Priesthood.

Francis E. Haliday, of Stroud, to be a Priest in the Aaronic Priesthood.

Richard Norman Sanders, of Plymouth, to be a Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood.

Montague Leonard Blake, of Plymouth, to be a Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood.

Albert Parsons, of Barnsley, ordained to be a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood.

Harvey Leaberry, of Barnsley, to be a Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood.

Keith Bishop, of Barnsley, to be a Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood.

Gordon Leaberry, of Barnsley, to be a Priest in the Aaronic Priesthood.

Bertie Boyce, of Doncaster, to be an Elder in the Melchisedek Priesthood.

George Talbot, of Doncaster, to be an Elder in the Melchisedek Priesthood.

William Fagan, of Sheffield, to be an Elder in the Melchisedek Priesthood.

G. David Fine, of Bristol, to be an Elder in the Melchisedek Priesthood.

Stanley V. Hill, of Plymouth, to be an Elder in the Melchisedek Priesthood.

Peter B. Pickthall, of Plymouth, to be an Elder in the Melchisedek Priesthood.

Geoffrey C. Reeson, of Plymouth, to be a Priesthood in the Aaronic Priesthood.

## *Members who have completed The British Mission Speaking/Teaching Training Course*

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| George Donald Durrant (Hull) | April 21st, 1955 |
| Robert Clyde Rasmussen (Hull) | April 21st, 1955 |
| Kenneth Blair (Grimsby) | April 21st, 1955 |
| Tracy W. Tucker (Grimsby) | April 21st, 1955 |
| Robert W. Cutler (York) | April 21st, 1955 |
| Willard James Ballantyne (York) | April 21st, 1955 |
| Loyce Partridge (Scarborough) | April 21st, 1955 |
| Marilyn Kay Burnham (Scarborough) | April 21st, 1955 |
| Winifred Stevens (Liverpool) | May 12th, 1955 |
| Alice Fleming (Liverpool) | May 12th, 1955 |
| Ena Jones (Liverpool) | May 12th, 1955 |
| Dorothy Laverne Miles (Liverpool) | May 12th, 1955 |
| Beryl Cubbon (Liverpool) | May 12th, 1955 |
| Marion Miller (Liverpool) | May 12th, 1955 |
| Harry Fletcher (Liverpool) | May 12th, 1955 |
| Frank G. Miles (Liverpool) | May 12th, 1955 |
| John Alan Cubbon (Liverpool) | May 12th, 1955 |
| Rosalie Ann Bailey (Birmingham) | June 10th, 1955 |
| Hilda Jenkins (Birmingham) | June 10th, 1955 |
| Gwendel Tolley Burgess (Birmingham) | June 10th, 1955 |
| Frank Tennant (Birmingham) | June 10th, 1955 |
| Joan Tennant (Birmingham) | June 10th, 1955 |

# *MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES*

**ARRIVALS :**

| *July 11th, 1955* | *From* | *Assigned to* |
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| **Elder Francis Kendrick Dewsbery** | Picture Butte, Canada | Sheffield District |
| **Sister Martha Dunn** | Provo, Utah | Newcastle District |
| **Elder Robert Llewellyn Dunn** | Provo, Utah | Newcastle District |
| **Elder Lynn Farnsworth Findlay, Jr.** | Kanab, Utah | Birmingham District |
| **Elder Stanley Kay Goold** | Monroe, Utah | Welsh District |
| **Elder Merlin R. Kitchen** | Provo, Utah | Sheffield District |
| **Elder Charles W. Penrose** | Salt Lake City, Utah | Birmingham District |
| **Sister Rosemary Scott Williams** | Orinda, California | Liverpool District |
| **Elder Robert Franklin Williams** | Orinda, California | Liverpool District |

**TRANSFERS :**

| | *From* | *To* | *Date Effective* |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Sister Frances M. Kelland** | Scotland | London Office | June 6th, 1955 |
| **Elder Ronald Q. Frederickson** | Sheffield | Ireland | June 22nd, 1955 |
| **Elder Ralph B. Thackeray** | Norwich | Sheffield | June 24th, 1955 |
| **Elder Sheldon C. Snow** | Ireland | Scotland | June 27th, 1955 |
| **Elder Robert A. Parks** | Newcastle | Scotland | June 27th, 1955 |
| **Elder Marvin Lee Howard** | Wales | Newcastle | June 27th, 1955 |
| **Elder Harold Jacklin** | Leeds | Ireland | June 27th, 1955 |
| **Elder Reynold Garth Hair** | Ireland | London | June 27th, 1955 |
| **Elder Gordon Lingwood** | Leeds | London | June 27th, 1955 |
| **Elder Richard Henderson** | Sheffield | London | June 27th, 1955 |
| **Elder Cecil Vaughn Jones** | Sheffield | Norwich | July 1st, 1955 |
| **Elder Willie D. Pitcher** | Scotland | Hull | July 1st, 1955 |
| **Sister Rosie P. Pitcher** | Scotland | Hull | July 1st, 1955 |

**APPOINTMENTS :**

**Elder Ronald Quayle Frederickson** was appointed president of the Irish District, June 22nd, 1955.

**Elder Ronald J. Asper** was appointed president of the Norwich District, July 7th, 1955.

**Sister Anderson**

**Elder Bost**

**Elder Young**

**RELEASES :**

| | *From* | *Served in* |
|---|---|---|
| **Sister Lulu LeArta Anderson** | Salt Lake City, Utah | Norwich |
| **Elder Harry L. Bost** | Salt Lake City, Utah | Wales, Hull Districts |
| **Elder Frank Ernest Young** | Calgary, Alberta, Canada | Norwich*, London, Sheffield Districts |

* Served as district president.

**BAPTISMS :**

**Birmingham District**
**Ernest David Morris** of Birmingham
**Gordon Alan Mears** of Nuneaton
**Sheila L. Mears** of Nuneaton
**Sylvia Holland** of Birmingham
**Eva P. Blackman** of Birmingham
**Alan L. Jones** of Wolverhampton
**Frederick A. Grant** of Wolverhampton
**Frederick Bradley** of Kidderminster
**Bristol District**
**Leonace Hartles Iles** of Cheltenham
**Hull District**
**Freda Adamson** of York
**Linda Mary Warman** of Grismby
**Alan William Deyes** of Hull
**Jessica Mary Deyes** of Hull
**Herbert William Deyes** of Hull
**John Arthur Fenwick** of Hull
**Leeds District**
**Meira Donna MacInnes** of Bradford
**Hilary Paula MacInnes** of Bradford
**Liverpool District**
**Elaine Arnold** of Liverpool
**Margaret Simpson** of Liverpool
**Stephen M. Spencer** of Burnley
**Ann Foster** of Burnley
**London District**
**Patricia Margaret Hughes** of Brighton
**Jean Winifred Briscoe** of Brighton
**Manchester District**
**Graham Goodier** of Stockport
**Diane J. Bowden** of Stockport
**Edna Bates** of Wythenshawe
**Leah Bates** of Wythenshawe
**Josephine M. Whitaker** of Wythenshawe
**Muriel Graham Bamford** of Wythenshawe
**William Bates** of Wythenshawe
**Irene May Bates** of Wythenshawe
**Eva Beatrice Dean** of Wythenshawe
**Patricia Edge** of Wythenshawe
**Newcastle District**
**John Robert Ollett** of Middlesbrough
**James Ollett** of Middlesbrough
**Malcolm Christopher Peacock** of Middlesbrough
**Irene Margaret Peacock** of Middlesbrough
**George Edwin Matthews** of Middlesbrough
**Vera Matthews** of Middlesbrough
**Norwich District**
**Stella Griffiths** of Peterborough
**Patrick Griffin** of Peterborough
**George G. Collinson** of Peterborough
**Raymond A. Parbles** of Peterborough
**Gisela C. Parhles** of Peterborough
**Maralyn A. Wilson** of Peterborough
**Jane Evershed** of Peterborough
**Dean Thomas Wilson** of Norwich
**Sidney Walter Watling** of Norwich
**Stephen Watts** of Norwich
**Rosemary A. Cooper** of Norwich
**Rosemary Jones** of Norwich
**Janice Ann Smith** of Norwich
**William Vincent Farrington** of Colchester
**Margaret Ellen Farrington** of Colchester
**Beatrice Steel** of Colchester
**Janis Vera Limberg** of Ipswich
**Nottingham District**
**Susannah Hezseltine** of Nottingham
**Thomas Hezseltine** of Nottingham
**Charles Henry Meakin** of Derby
**James Hugh Martin** of Eastwood
**Scotland District**
**Georgina J. Spikin** of Edinburgh
**Elanore Watson** of Edinburgh
**Agnes A. Hope** of Edinburgh
**Edna M. Smith** of Aberdeen
**Alistair J. M. Smith** of Aberdeen
**Catherine Granger** of Glasgow
**Thomas W. Granger** of Glasgow
**Violet E. Robertson** of Aberdeen
**Mary M. Rose** of Aberdeen
**Sidney W. Scott** of Aberdeen
**Ian A. Maxwell** of Aberdeen
**Robert K. McKormack** of Edinburgh
**Sheffield District**
**Frank M. Burkinshaw** of Sheffield
**Dorothy Burkinshaw** of Sheffield

THEN cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 3:13-17

# O My Father

*Made Famous by the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir*

O my Father, Thou that dwellest
In the high and glorious place!
When shall I regain Thy presence,
And again behold Thy face?
In Thy holy habitation,
Did my spirit once reside;
In my first primeval childhood,
Was I nurtured near Thy side?

For a wise and glorious purpose
Thou hast placed me here on earth,
And with-held the recollection
Of my former friends and birth,
Yet oft-times a secret something
Whispered, "You're a stranger here;"
And I felt that I had wandered
From a more exalted sphere.

I had learned to call Thee Father,
Through Thy Spirit from on high;
But until the Key of Knowledge
Was restored, I knew not why.
In the heavens are parents single?
No; the thought makes reason stare!
Truth is reason, truth eternal,
Tells me I've a mother there.

When I leave this frail existence,
When I lay this mortal by,
Father, Mother, may I meet you
In your royal courts on high?
Then at length, when I've completed
All you sent me forth to do,
With your mutual approbation
Let me come and dwell with you.

ELIZA R. SNOW